THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, the main recommendations of the Committee are—

(i) The catering establishments should be licensed under the Madras Public Health Act.

(ii) Model restaurants in each town should be built by municipal councils and farmed out to catering establishments.

(iii) Constitution of permanent standing committees has been recommended for—

(*a*) evolving designs of model restaurants, standards of accommodation, equipment, lighting, ventilation—in particular the layout of kitchens, and the designing of suitable cooking ranges and sterilizing and dish-washing equipment ;

(*b*) working out desirable standards for appraisal of the sterilization of equipment and utensils by bacteriological examination ; and

(*c*) suggesting bacteriological standards for certain foods, like ice-creams, ice-cream salads, etc.

(iv) The licensing of catering establishment employing ten or more employees per day should be primarily the responsibility of local authorities, with a view to safeguard public health.

(v) Scale of licence fees should be based on gross sales.

(vi) For education of the food-handlers and the management in the hygienic upkeep of catering establishments, a course of training has been suggested.

(vii) A recommendation is made for inauguration of 'Information Centres' by municipal councils and City Corporation in association with the catering trade.

The Government have examined these recommendations and suggested necessary steps for implementing them."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that the restaurants are as insanitary as they were before the publication of the Report of the Committee? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I think the sanitation has improved a little."

Appointment of additional special staff to the headquarters hospitals in all the districts as a measure of relief to the District Medical Officers.

* 103 *Q.*—SRI M. K. M. ABDUL SALAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the volume of routine and correspondence work has recently increased preventing

the District Medical Officers from giving sufficient attention to the main work of attending to the patients and the efficient running of the hospitals; and

(b) whether the Government have any proposal to appoint additional special staff to the headquarters hospital in all the districts for attending to the said work and to assist the District Medical Officers in their general supervision work?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) No, Sir."

Number of nurses trained during the years 1952–53 and 1953–54.

* 104 Q.—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of nurses who have been trained during the years 1952–53 and 1953–54; and

(b) the number of trained nurses who have been appointed during that period?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—

" (a)	1952	161
	1953	226
	1954 (up to the end of June 1954)	100
" (b)	1952	58
	1953	137
	1954 (up to the end of June 1954)	76 "

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" Sir, will the Government see that the further training of nurses is stopped till all the trained nurses are appointed? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, from time to time, additional posts of nurses are being sanctioned."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Sir, how many of these are male nurses? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Men nurses form only a small proportion."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Sir, if these trained nurses remain without employment, will they not be troubling the Hon. Minister with their deputations? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, they will be troubling the Ministers as well as the hon. Members also."

Veto by the Health Minister of the resolutions of the Public Health Board.

* 105 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there are any instances in which he as the Minister has vetoed the resolutions of the Board of Public Health passed under his chairmanship?